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In re Application of:  
ALEC SMIDT *et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/747,802  
Filed: December 29, 2003  
Attorney Docket No.: INTEL12  
For: **VOLTAGE LEVEL SHIFTER**

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), filed May 14, 2004, to make the above-identified application special.

Petitioner requests that the above-identified application be made special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (M.P.E.P.) § 708.02, Section III: Applicant's Health.

An application may be made special upon a petition by applicant accompanied by any evidence showing that the state of health of the applicant is such that he or she might not be available to assist in the prosecution of the application if it were to run its normal course, such as a doctor's certificate or other medical certificate. No fee is required for such a petition.

The petition includes a statement from the applicant's doctor stating that Boubekuer Benhamida is in poor health.

Accordingly, the petition is GRANTED.

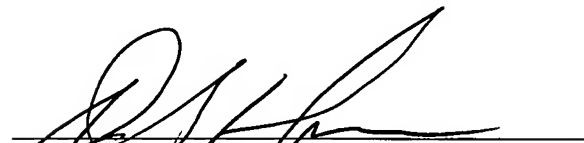
If the examiner can make this application special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, and s/he should make a rigid search for such, s/he is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the application will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, s/he should consider such application simultaneously with this application and should state in the official letter of such application that s/he is taking it out of its turn because of possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this application or should this application become involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by all Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.

After allowance, this application will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.

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